Emergency amateur radio communicators in Rapides Parish Louisiana use Pactor digital messaging, which uses more than 1.5 kc of bandwidth. If the FCC petition of 1.5 kc is approved this would stop us from using all Pactor3 and ALE operation on bands below 10 mtrs. Thousands of Pactor3 stations, including our OEP, would no longer be allowed to operate this mode should this petition be adopted by the FCC. I petition the FCC not to adopt the 1.5 kc bandwidth rule.

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